

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 40 percent of the cotton acreage had been defoliated compared with 29 percent last year, and 16 percent had been harvested compared with 14 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the state. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to poor. Extreme to severe dryness and high temperatures have affected forage growth in the entire state. Some concentrated precipitation was reported in the north central part of the state, but not enough to improve soil moisture conditions.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated	40	31	29	31
Harvested	16	12	14	16

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	7.0	7.0	5.8	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	22	15	--	--
Short.....	10	15	25	17
Adequate	68	70	70	79
Surplus	--	--	5	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	24	15	--	3
Short.....	7	14	26	15
Adequate	69	71	71	80
Surplus	--	--	3	2

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	7	3
Poor.....	--	--	6	2
Fair.....	22	14	20	20
Good	43	42	52	46
Excellent	35	44	15	29
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	12	5
Fair.....	2	4	39	25
Good	72	63	41	45
Excellent	26	33	8	23
Pasture and range				
Very poor	23	32	9	16
Poor.....	30	39	43	20
Fair.....	34	25	31	29
Good	9	4	17	28
Excellent	4	--	--	7

NA – not available

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